

# MARINE SAFETY BULLETIN

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## ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRATED COMMAND CENTER

**Integrated Command Center (ICC):** February 1, 2005 marked the beginning of a Coast Guard ICC watch for the majority of Louisiana and Western Mississippi. This watch provides a single contact point for Ports along the Lower Mississippi River and the Ports of Morgan City, Baton Rouge, and Houma. The ICC is physically located at the Coast Guard Group New Orleans Office in Metairie, LA. In addition to addressing all search and rescue calls, the ICC is the primary contact for reporting port, waterway and coastal security incidents, spills, marine casualties, collisions or other emergencies. The ICC is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-874-2153.

This change will not affect routine marine safety issues, such as scheduling an inspection or regulatory questions. These types of calls should continue to go to the local marine safety units. Oil spills, hazardous material releases and suspicious activity reports should still be sent to the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802.

Part of this change is to direct calls for MSO Morgan City Over-sized Tow Permits to the Vessel Traffic Service Berwick Bay at 985-380-5322. Establishment of the ICC will improve the Coast Guard's ability to respond to changing mission demands and sustain operational excellence.

### Quick Reference Numbers:

Integrated Command Center (24/7) 1-800-874-2153 or 504-846-5923 / 5924

Integrated Command Center Fax (24/7) 504-846-5919

National Response Center (24/7) 1-800-424-8802

MSO New Orleans (Mon-Fri 0800-1600) 504-589-6196

Group New Orleans (Mon-Fri 0800-1600) 504-846-6184

MSO Morgan City (Mon-Fri 0800-1600) 985-380-5300

MSU Baton Rouge (Mon-Fri 0800-1600) 225-298-5400

MSU Houma (Mon-Fri 0800-1600) 985-857-8507

VTC New Orleans (24/7) 504-589-2780

VTB Berwick Bay (24/7) 985-380-5374

Air Station New Orleans (24/7) 1-800-247-6652 or 504-393-6033

REC New Orleans 504-240-7300

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